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## HELD FOR MURDER

### In The First Degree.

Such Was The Result of Charles Owens' Preliminary Trial.

When our reporter left Diehlstadt Thursday of last week, only two witnesses had been examined, the gist of whose evidence appeared in our last issue. The examination lasted until Friday evening, and the following further evidence was elicited:

Mrs. Mary Robertson, mother-in-law of prisoner testified: That prisoner told Mrs. Owens he would correct the child himself. He said he would kill the child and might serve her the same way and that he would pile the things together and burn them up and run away by the light. That he regarded this as an idle threat, but he told me he meant it, and to wait and see. That witness has no ill-feeling toward prisoner.

#### FOR THE DEFENSE.

Alf. Owens, father of the accused, testified that he was in the habit of visiting at accused's house every day. That Charles and his wife had separated six months ago but were again living together and getting along well. That he was at Charles's house about 10 o'clock the day preceding the night of fire. That in the carrying of fire from fire place to cook-stove some embers fell through the floor and caught fire below, at doorway of partition wall. That he heard Mrs. Owens say that she had a smothering at the heart. That he never saw prisoner whip his wife. That he saw feathers or feather cinders fly up when the woman's remains were lifted. That Mrs. Owens was in a healthy condition. Had heard prisoner threaten to knock his wife in the head for not staying at home.

That he (witness) would die rather than shed tears. That Charles would have shed tears but that he told him not to do so. That prisoner went to sleep before day the morning after the fire.

Chas. Owens, the accused, testified: That he and his wife were sleeping in one bed and his niece in the other. His wife woke him saying: "The house is on fire, get the child." I told her to come on—I'd get the child. I threw my foot on the floor and one of them blistered. I then threw my feet on the bed and crossed to the child's bed. Missed the child and don't know why. Was about strangled by smoke. Went over the footboard and made my way to the door which I opened and the blaze came out over my head and curled up over the house. Got the axe and tried to cut a hole in the back of the house to let them out, but blaze was so hot I could not do anything. Do not know what I did with the axe. Ran from there to the fire and told of the fire. It seems as if the fire was coming out of the partition door. Saw fire full of this door but my wife would pour water on it. My chimney was on fire the morning before the fire. Henry Gist saw me put it out. Cracks in partition wall were 11 inches wide. Wife told me nothing about the fire being dropped. I know I jumped on fire and not on the floor. As I went for the child I thought my wife would follow me. Never tried to get back in the house after I got out. The fire was mostly in partition wall. We slept in the north room and the fire seemed to originate in the south room. Do not know why the two bodies were found close together. Was up trying to make a fire during the night that my house burnt, but gave it up and returned to bed. Think the chimney was on fire when we went to bed.

#### COUNTY COURT.

County Court met in regular term Monday the 5th inst., and the following among other business, was transacted:

Road petition of J. H. Moore—commissioner's report filed and change granted at petitioner's cost.

Road petitions of B. F. Hunter et al., J. H. Crowder and L. D. Nutt—Surveyor ordered to report.

Dramshop licenses granted to C. F. Bonferron & Co., J. T. Githens, E. A. Johnson and O. C. Burton.

Constable S. O. Finley's resignation accepted and John K. Welch appointed in his stead.

Vincent Heisserer's report on old jail filed and approved.

Commissioner's report on Ramsey's Creek bridge filed.

Reports of Rolen Cannon and J. W. Halley, Justices of the Peace, filed.

W. H. Heisserer, County Treasurer, filed settlement.

Road petition of J. H. Moore et al., also that of L. Peffercorn et al.—commissioners appointed.

Road petition from New Hamburg—\$100 appropriated and Joe Geisner appointed commissioner.

Dramshop license granted to Marsh Adams.

Resignation of Marshall Jenkins, J. P., accepted and J. W. Myers appointed in his stead.

Reports of Louis Hoefler, A. A. Harrison and R. B. Heuchan, Justices of the Peace, filed.

Bond of M. G. B. Stubblefield, constable, approved.

Dramshop license granted to J. G. Scherer.

Road overseers appointed as follows: 1st Dist., Chas. Huthison; 2nd, Dan Harris; 3d, John Vandusen; 4th, Josh Mason; 5th, J. L. Huey; 6th, T. N. Dickerson; 7th, H. C. Stone; 8th, W. P. Glasscock; 10th, B. F. Finley; 11th, H. C. Bryant; 12th, Andy Ward; 13th, Henry Head; 14th, Ranny Bernslee; 15th, R. C. Swan; 16th, Aug. Schlaegel; 17th, Joe Geisner. No appointment in the 9th (Bird's Island) district.

## FROM MORLEY.

John Lee, the handsome clerk at the St. Charles Hotel at Cape Girardeau, is visiting friends here this week. John says it's hard to stay away from Morley on Sunday.

Jamee Farris and Black Howie returned from St. Louis, where they were with two cars of cattle last week.

The great law suit between H. P. Prentiss and Howie's Ry., was tried here last week before Justice Halley. The jury in the case failed to agree.

Vol. Flesman is laid up with the grip this week. It is sincerely hoped he will be out in a short time. For Vol's handsome smile is sadly missed by the entire community.

Major W. W. Ward left for St. Louis Sunday to spend a few days at home.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church is still in progress. There has been several united with the church up to this writing and the interest is increasing every day.

T. J. Ellis, one of our good farmers, is down very low with pneumonia. His recovery is considered doubtful.

L. A. Wilson, from Little River, was up amongst us yesterday (Tuesday).

Morley is to have street lamps. Who would have thought it? There are to be ten put up next week and more the next week if they are needed.

Rev. Kennedy, of Oran, is here assisting in the revival at the M. E. church.

## HUGH GAY PLEADS GUILTY.

Some time in November a pistol was stolen from this office. Hugh Gay, who had been employed by his father to do the painting on the new jail, made the Newsboy office his lair.

He seemed to be a very genteel fellow, and was well thought of by everybody hereabouts, but somehow we got it up our nose that Hugh had our pistol. Soon after he returned to Sikeston. We gave Constable Tanner the tip, and last week Mr. Tanner stepped into our office, produced a pistol and asked us if we recognized it. We did. A warrant was sworn out, and on Wednesday Chas. Tanner brought Hugh to Benton, a prisoner. He pleaded guilty before Squire Schoen, and was fined ten dollars and costs. He is now boarding it out in the building he took so much pains to decorate. He had traded the pistol to Jos. Leshner for a rifle. We now have the pistol in our possession, and if anyone else feels like stealing it, just let them come along. It is a .38 calibre, hammerless, Smith & Wesson improved, No. 34442. Remember!

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## FROM SIKESTON.

The entertainment given at the Opera House on the 1st inst. by the Charleston Dramatic Club for the benefit of the poor was a success, both as an entertainment and financially. The seats were all filled and the performers were heartily applauded, and considering that this was their first appearance in public, much credit is due them for the manner in which the play was rendered. Miss Rose Rosenstein, in the character of "Frisky," was delightful, and was applauded after each song. The entertainment netted over expenses \$10 each for the poor of Sikeston and Charleston. The following ladies and gentlemen composed the cast: Misses Ida Bridwell, Alice Delino, Rose and E. Rosenstein, Messrs. F. B. Rice, J. R. Crapshaw, Luke Howlett, Bailey Wilkinson, Chas. Delino, J. L. Schaffer and Chas. H. Ives.

Miss Dossie Andrews, of Charleston, spent several days with her aunt, Mrs. Arnold Klein.

Among other visitors from Benton last week we noticed Jas. McPheters and Silas White.

Rev. P. Brandt, of Charleston, filed his regular appointment at the Catholic church last Sunday evening. His next lecture will be given the first Sunday in March at 7 p. m.

Rev. J. D. Flemming, Presbyterian minister of New Madrid, held services at the Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Diehl, at his home in town after a very brief spell of pneumonia, on Monday night. Mr. James Farris. He leaves a wife and several children, who have the sympathy of many friends. He was buried Tuesday with A. O. U. W. honors.

The Masonic fraternity of Sikeston are contemplating the erection of a two-story building, the lower story to be used as a business house and the upper floor to be fitted up in fine style as their hall.

Dr. M. W. Phillips, dentist, of Louisville, Ky., is busy repairing the teeth of this community, and expects to stop a few days at Benton next week.

Arnold Klein and J. V. Bandy are out enjoying a few days' hunt.

Mr. F. W. Pott was down from the Cape Friday of last week and had with him an engineer from St. Louis who examined the Corliss engine and the boiler at the mill. Mr. Pott is reported to have said that the mill would be running again by the 4th of July.

There was quite a pleasant dance out at George Mier's place on Tuesday night.

Dr. Butler went to Cairo Monday to consult Dr. Bondman, the oculist, on his eyes. The specialist found that the doctor could see some 60 per cent farther than he had any business to see, and clapped a pair of blinders on him. The blinders are gold mounted and give the doctor a profoundly learned look.

Rev. Russell, of Thayer, visited Benton friends this week. A wedding but a bit, will you, stooped!

## FROM KELSEO.

A new denomination is holding a revival in the New York settlement and meeting with large results—about 25 new members have joined and been baptised in the Mississippi at Gray's Point. The new organization gives its birth as 1880, and after joining a member becomes sanctified.

A son of Joseph Scherers fell and broke his arm.

The Home Insurance Co., held its annual meeting at Kelseo Saturday, Feb. 3d, and elected new officers for the coming year, whose duty it is to accept and refuse risks. In event of loss each member pays in proportion to amount of insurance. It has now been in existence for several years and some of our most substantial farmers are interested. Con. D. Hogue, H. Hillman, Aug. Hillman, Joseph Miller and others. The company confines itself to farm property risks.

We have an opening at Kelseo, Mo., for a very energetic and temperate business man, who can sell our goods. A good paying business can be done by the right man. Anybody open for a location would undoubtedly find it to their interest to come and look over the ground and the prospects for himself.

Mr. Mike Enderlee has purchased the John Welder property, consisting of the dwelling and building known as the Kelseo Town Hall. We understand Mr. Enderlee will run a hotel.

Gus Lux has purchased a new saw mill and is operating it near Kelseo.

A great deal of dissatisfaction exists on account of the manner in which Kelseo and Manning receive their mail since it is being transported by rail from Morley to Commerce. The postman does not seem able to give any satisfactory reason why it is so, but daily newspapers sometimes skip several days then come four or five at a time. It is earnestly hoped the company will either put an engine on the road or turn the mail over to the old hack line.

WANTED. A young man to learn photography. A most lucrative and profitable trade. For terms write to Depey's Photo Studio, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

On account of the Missouri State Republican League meeting at Springfield, Mo., February 22 and 23, 1894, the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Ft. Smith Ry. will sell tickets to Springfield and return at One Fare for the Round Trip on February 21st and 22nd, tickets to be limited for going passage to February 23d and for return passage to February 26, 1894. Round trip from Cape Girardeau \$9.40. E. P. Blomeyer, G. P. A.

For good Baled Hay, apply to W. C. Lambert, Benton.

John Welch, who has made a very efficient town marshal for Benton, was appointed Constable for Moroland township by the county court, vice S. O. Finley, resigned. The appointment is a good one.

## FROM ORAN.

Miss Emma Southers will be taken to the poorhouse to-morrow (Wednesday).

The committee to arrange another debate between Morley and Oran Literary societies failed to report last Friday night, but will probably have a programme arranged by Friday night a week.

The home comedian string band furnished music for the Literary club at this place last Friday night. Dr. Clark the celebrated banjo player also favored the audience with two select songs—"I'm going to see my mother-in-law" and "Save my mother's picture from the sale"—both of which were well rendered and highly appreciated.

La Grippe still holds the fort and many of our citizens are on the sick list.

We are in receipt of Hon. Marsh Arnold's speech made in the House of Representatives Jan. 16. Mr. A. is in sympathy with his constituents.

Bert Ringo is building opposite Michael Moran's instead of on the lot between Montgomery's and McMullen's. This lot is being built upon by Andrew Metz, Sr.

Miss Fannie Summers has returned from New Madrid, but still on the sick list.

The postoffice will be moved to the "Last Chance" building this week and the butcher shop will be moved to the room vacated by the postoffice.

Dave Metz is now "pa." A new girl arrived at his house one day last week.

Theresa McClean has a painful hand caused by sticking a needle in same. Erysipelas set in.

Judge Hale went to Benton Tuesday evening. The Judge is said to be a good horse trader. Witness the fine gray mare he owns now instead of two plug mules.

Lish Bryant shipped two car loads of cattle and one car of hogs to St. Louis Monday.

Another of Judge Elliott's new set (tagos) is now ready for occupancy.

A letter from Dr. Tume, who left here three years ago, informs that he will return to Missouri. The Dr. is now at Canaville, Ills.

Wm. Stubblefield went to Texas last Sunday.

Mrs. Agnes Maxwell (nee Bowman) came on the noon train Wednesday to visit relatives and friends. She is looking hale and hearty.

Will Gassaway went to Bird's Point Wednesday.

The new store room of Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., is being rushed and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Baled timothy hay for sale by Frank Miller, Benton.

There was a ball at the residence of Wm. Settle near Morley Thursday night. The Oran band furnished the music and a rattling good time was had.

Married, at St. Lawrence's church, New Hamburg Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1894, Geo. Layton to Miss Lena Dorfer.

A brief telegram to Sheriff Miller, says: "Will Floyd killed Charles Archer at Glet's Camp Thursday night." They were step-brothers.

We had a phonograph in town Saturday and Sunday and the boys had a chance to blow in a few spare nickels.

Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

Every teacher in the county who takes a proper interest in his profession and every progressive farmer will attend the Farmers' and Teachers' Institute at Morley next Friday and Saturday. A very attractive program has been prepared. Mr. Merwin, of St. Louis, and Prof. Vandiver, of Cape Girardeau, will speak, and subjects interesting to all farmers, teachers and members of school boards will be discussed. Don't miss it.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine for February is more interesting than ever. We have seen all the other monthlies and unhesitatingly declare this to be the best of them all. As usual the illustrations are in the most exquisite style of art. The price of the Cosmopolitan is only \$1.50 a year and it makes a volume worth ten times the money. The \$3 magazines are not "in it" at all.

Don't ruin your eyesight by straining it. It is the most valuable of the senses. If your eyes are not as good as formerly go to the Benton Drug Store and get a pair of glasses that will give you relief. All grades of frames from \$1.00 to best gold. The lenses are perfect at all prices.

Probate Court sits Monday and Tuesday of next week.

## HOLD YOUR TAX RECEIPTS.

It is important that the tax payers of Scott county keep a tight grip on their tax receipts. Deputy Collectors are going over the county serving tax notices, and in many instances the party, who is legally notified that he is delinquent, produces a receipt and thus avoids paying a double tax.

Wednesday Dr. Butler was seated to the taxpaying office when Volney Day entered and served a notice on him.

"I have my receipt," said the Dr. "Well, I don't know anything about that," replied Deputy Collector Doty. "You just keep the notice, and I'll get pay for serving it, anyway."

"I've just sure got the receipt. Will you go up and have me show it to you?" interrupted the Dr.

"No," said Doty, "just show it to Mr. White. You are not the only one. I have found several that have produced receipts and some of them got mad about it, too." We have heard similar complaints from other townships, all of which is sufficient to justify the presumption that matters in the Collector's office are being conducted in somewhat of a loose manner.

L. P. Nutt, of Oran, was in the Newsboy office a few days ago and had with him a copy of the Commercial Dispatch, dated November 31, 1874. Marshall Arnold, editor. We notice that the leading announcement in the paper reads: "Fire! Fire! Fire!!" We will take any amount of wood at this office in payment of your subscription to the Dispatch. The leading paper of the county now-a-days accepts only cash, and that in advance, on all subscriptions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Spaulding, of Cape Girardeau, celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday last. Full account next week.

Last Tuesday "Dink" Portis got enough fiery-hot into him to make him imagine he owned the county, and drew \$90 it was said levelled a revolver at the bartender in Compas' saloon, Joe Barnard. Joe called in Constable Kemp, who arrested Portis, and with the help of half a dozen citizens, placed him in jail.

"Dink" came near being charged with assault with intent to kill, but the prosecuting attorney accepted a plea of guilty to the two minor charges of disturbing the peace and carrying concealed weapons. Upon these two charges Squire Cannon fined him respectively \$5 and costs and \$50 and costs, and "Dink" will drink no more chain lightning for 30 days at least. We are told that he is wanted in Bollinger county. Joe Barnard lost his head in the excitement and struck at Portis while he was being taken to jail. For this Squire Cannon mulcted him in \$5 and costs—a sentence which seems severe when it is remembered that for riding a horse into the saloon Jim Humphrey was let off with \$1 and trimmings.

Mules, Horses and Mares to sell on time by J. F. Evans, Blodgett, Mo.

It is reported that Thos. Finley has the largest and most convenient barn in the Sandwoods. The fact that numerous substantial buildings are being erected in different parts of the Sandwoods is evidence that that section of our county is no longer to be grinned at.

Judge Albrecht and Martin Bohnhardt, of Marion, and Squire Hoefler and Robt. Swan, of Kelseo, were on our streets Tuesday.

Ben Tenkoff and Crit Burton, of Commerce, had business with the county court the first of the week.

Monroe Fulcher, of Blodgett, was in town Tuesday. He says he made application for membership in the Annapolis club, but when his name was taken up for consideration that august body there were not enough black balls to go around. We understand it all. This was a job put up by the M. W. L. He didn't want to be compelled to take a back seat.

Assessor Fizer says the Newsboy is the finest printing office he was ever in. That is saying a great deal for a man who has been over as much territory as Rev. Fizer.

Your PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN CHEAP. Best cabinet Photos reduced from \$3 to \$2 per dozen for the next ten days only. Special reduced prices to families. Depew's Photo Gallery, near Coffin House, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The A. O. U. W. Lodge meeting Saturday night was poorly attended owing to bad weather, and no definite action on the new hall was taken. The advantages of having such a building are, however, so obvious, that the matter is not likely to encounter serious opposition.

Lent began Wednesday.